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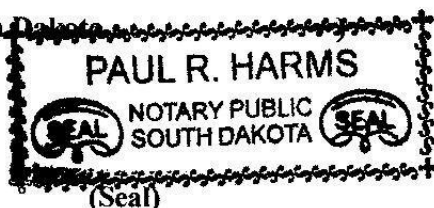
Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER The New Era		2. DATE OF FILING 9/25/02	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE 22/26/30	
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6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: James I. Hauck			
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C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		7	7
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I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.			

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